

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 11. (canceled)

1 12. (currently amended) In combination with a food
2 ~~cooker~~ fryer having a vessel and a body of oil in the vessel
3 ~~holding a liquid~~ in which food is cooked fried, a drain comprising:
4 a housing connected to the vessel, forming a valve seat,
5 and formed with a passage opening into the vessel and into the
6 seat;

7 a valve body formed with a passage and pivotal in the
8 seat between an open position with the passage of the valve body
9 aligned with the passage of the housing and a closed position with
10 the passage of the valve body not aligned with the passage of the
11 housing; and

12 a rigid tube fixed to and pivotal with the valve body
13 and formed with a passage opening into the passage of the valve
14 body, the body being pivotal in the housing such that in the closed
15 position the tube extends upward from the housing and in the open
16 position the tube extends downward from the housing.

1 13. (new) The combination defined in claim 12 wherein
2 the housing includes a connecting tube extending between the seat
3 and the vessel.

1 14. (new) The combination defined in claim 13 wherein
2 the connecting tube extends downward from the vessel to the seat.

1 15. (new) The combination defined in claim 12 wherein
2 the housing has an inner surface on which the passage of the
3 housing opens and the valve body fits complementarily to the inner
4 surface.

1 16. (new) The combination defined in claim 12 wherein
2 the housing fits around the valve body and is formed with a slot
3 through which the tube projects from the valve body out of the
4 housing.

1 17. (new) The combination defined in claim 16 wherein
2 the slot has opposite ends against which the tube bears in the open
3 and closed positions.

1 18. (new) The combination defined in claim 12 wherein
2 in the open position the tube extends vertically upward from the
3 housing.

1 19. (new) The combination defined in claim 12 wherein
2 the tube is unitary with the valve body.

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